



Connecting the dots...

A Summit on the Importance of Local Farmland to Santa Clara Valley's Future Health and Well-being

American Farmland Trust, the Committee for Green Foothills, and the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO) are partnering to bring together leaders and policy makers with the goal of broadening the dialogue about the need for local farmland preservation.

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Time : 8:00 AM to Noon
Place: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Room
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

Presentations will focus on the overlapping interests of agricultural viability and sustainable healthy communities in meeting the demands of our future population. Experts and leaders in the fields of farmlands conservation, public health and planning sustainable communities will discuss:

- Global, regional and local trends that are influencing the future of farmland in Santa Clara County
- The important connections between local farmlands, the local food movement, our health, our local economy, environmental quality and livable communities
- Successful strategies, replicable models and innovative tools / funding mechanisms for making local farmlands key components of sustainable communities

Attendees will have an opportunity to engage in a conversation about creating a shared vision for preserving local farmlands.

This is an invitation only event for city/county/special district elected officials; city/special district managers; county officials; planning commissioners; city/county planning directors; and other leaders dealing with public health issues, sustainable communities, and environmental/conservation and agricultural issues.

RSVP to Serena Unger at sunger@farmland.org by August 25.

Space is limited. If you would like to invite others, please provide Serena with their contact information and she will try to accommodate your request.

Further information on speakers and program will be forthcoming.